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SUBJECT: UNOFFICIAL LIBYAN PROPOSAL FOR VISIT BY
VICE-PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER

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1. TELLIER, U.S. BUSINESSMAN WHO WAS INVOLVED IN TRANSMITTING
LIBYAN FEELER, IS UNKNOWN TO US. WE UNDERSTAND MANSUR
TARBAGHIA IS MEMBER OF WELL-KNOWN BENGHAZI FAMILY. THERE
IS, AS DEPT AWARE, NO RCC MEMBER NAMED MOHAMED SAID.

2. WE DOUBT LIBYAN INVITATION HAS QADHAFI'S SANCTION.
HE SHOWS NO SIGN OF CHANGING HIS EXTREME HARD LINE ON
MIDEAST. LATEST REMINDER OF THIS IS QADHAFI'S EXPLANATION
OF LIBYAN MIDEAST POLICY MADE TO VISITING AUSTRIAN
CHANCELLOR KREISKY FEB 14, WHICH IS WELL COVERED BY FBIS.
BRIEFLY, QADHAFI'S POSITION, AS EXPLAINED TO KREISKY, IS
THAT THERE IS NO USE IN NEGOTIATING OVER ARAB LANDS OCCUPIED
IN 1967 WAR, WHICH SHOULD BE RETURNED TO EGYPT, SYRIA, AND
JORDAN, AND ALL JEWS WHO EMIGRATED TO ISRAEL AFTER 1948

MUST GO BACK WHERE THEY CAME FROM. WE BELIEVE THIS IS NOT
JUST RHETORIC FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION, BUT ALSO
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REPRESENTS HIS PRIVATE CONVICTIONS.

3. SUGGEST TELLIER BE THANKED FOR HIS EFFORTS, TOLD HIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN CAREFULLY STUDIED, AND MATTER BE LEFT AT THAT. WE SEE LITTLE TO GAIN BY ENCOURAGING THIS KIND OF HALF-BAKED APPROACH TO USG. IT CAN ONLY CONFUSE MATTERS.
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